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### NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY 2 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., September 27, 2002--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002, was 2.90 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 2 percent from September 2001 and 2 percent below June 1, 2002. The lowest September 1 inventory since 1975. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was unchanged from September 1, 2001 but 9 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.54 million head, was 2 percent below last year and 1 percent below last quarter.

The June-August 2002 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.44 million head, was 7 percent more than 2001 but equal to 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 160,000 head, 3 percent above last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 160,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2002 quarter, 3 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 but 7 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for December 2002 - February 2003, at 155,000 sows, are 9 percent below the same period in 2001 but up 11 percent from 2000.

### U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002, was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent above September 1, 2001 and slightly above June 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 2 percent from September 1, 2001 and down 2 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

The June-August 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 25.1 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2001 and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.82 million sows farrow during the September-November 2002 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and 1 percent below 2000. Intended farrowings for December 2002-February 2003, at 2.81 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002 but up 2 percent from 2001.

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